First Preliminary Amendment

<u>REMARKS</u>

New Claims 15 through 30 are currently pending in the present application. Original Claims 1 through 14 have been cancelled. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 8952-000010/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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